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SUBJECT: RABIN ON PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

1. IN A MAJOR ADDRESS TO THE OPENING SESSION OF THE 17TH WORLD CONFERENCE OF THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL ZIONIST ORGANIZATION (WIZO) IN JERUSALEM ON JANUARY 9, PRIME MINISTER RABIN DISCUSSED ISRAEL'S POSITION REGARDING PEACE NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977. AFTER REVIEWING BRIEFLY THE HISTORY OF WIZO AND ITS ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE JEWISH STATE, THE PRIME MINISTER TURNED TO THE COMING ELECTION. HE SAID THAT THE ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE AN OBSTACLE TO PEACE. "AS FAR AS MY GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, WE WILL NOT ALLOW THE ELECTIONS TO INTERFERE WITH THE EFFORT OF PEACE DIPLOMACY. OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO EXHAUST EVERY POSSIBLE MOVE TOWARDS PEACE WITH SECURITY REFLECTS THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL. IT IS THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT AND THE SUPREME MORAL DUTY OF THIS GOVERNMENT TO PURSUE THIS COURSE WITHOUT LETUP, JUST AS WE HAVE DONE IN THE PAST."

2. RABIN WENT ON TO DISCUSS HOW HE SEES THE DEVELOPMENT
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OF NEGOTIATIONS DURING THE COMING YEAR. HE NOTED " HIGH DIPLOMATIC EXPECTATIONS BEING VOICED ABOUT 1977" AND SAID THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE THE FIRST TO JOIN IN ANY MEANINGFUL MOVEMENT TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977. HOWEVER, HE SAID 1977 "WILL NOT BE A YEAR OF DIPLOMATIC MAGIC. THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED IS TOO COMPLEX FOR QUICK, EASY, SNAPPY DIPLOMATIC FORMULAS. IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE

IRRESPONSIBLE TO AUTOMATICALLY ASSUME THAT WHAT BEGINS IN
1977 WILL NECESSARILY END IN 1977."

3. A THIRD MAJOR THEME OF RABIN'S REMARKS WAS HIS RESTATE-
MENT OF ISRAELI WILLINGNESS FOR NEGOTIATIONS
FOR LESS THAN A FULL AND COMPLETE PEACE IF NECESSARY. HE SAID THAT
ISRAEL WOULD BE WILLING TO EXAMINE ANY ALTERNATIVES IF
NECESSARY: "IF OUR NEIGHBORS CONTINUE TO REJECT A
MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION WITH US FOR A REAL AND LASTING
PEACE, OR IF SUCH A NEGOTIATION BEGINS AND PRODUCES
A STALEMATE, OR IF PROGRESS IS SLOW THOUGH THE INTENTIONS
ARE GENUINE, INDEED, IF, FOR WHATEVER REASON, THE HOPES FOR
THE ACHIEVEMENT OF PEACE TREATIES DO NOT MATERIALIZE AS
WE PRAY THEY WILL, THEN, WE--ISRAEL--SHALL STILL NOT GIVE
UP. WE SHALL LOOK FOR OTHER DIPLOMATIC AVENUES TOWARD PEACE.

4. "UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, WE SHALL SUGGEST A NEGOTIATING
AGENDA THAT MIGHT ACHIEVE, IF NOT PEACE ITSELF, THEN AT
LEAST SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARDS IT. BY THAT I MEAN
A NEGOTIATION--WITHIN AN APPROPRIATE FRAMEWORK--DESIGNED
TO BRING ABOUT AN AGREEMENT ON THE END TO THE STATE OF
WAR BETWEEN OURSELVES AND OUR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, THIS
IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A GENUINE PEACE RELATIONSHIP, BUT
IT WOULD, IF ACCOMPLISHED, CONSTITUTE A FURTHER VERY
IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS THE DESIRED GOAL OF PEACE."

5. THE FULL TEXT OF RABIN'S REMARKS, AS PUBLISHED BY THE
GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE, WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH.
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